The Maratha Empire

Explore the rise and legacy of the Maratha Empire, led by the legendary Shivaji and his successors.

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Shivaji: Founder of Hindavi Swaraj

Early Life

Shaped by mother Jijabai, Saint Ramdas, and teacher Dadaji Kondadev.

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Military Campaigns

Conquered key forts, became a thorn in Bijapur Sultan's side.

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Coronation

Crowned as independent ruler of the Maratha Empire in 1674.

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Shivaji's Administration

Governance

Established Ashta Pradhan Mandal, abolished jagir system.

Revenue

Levied Chauth and Sardeshmukhi taxes on non-Maratha areas.

Justice

Known for sense of righteousness and religious tolerance.

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Shivaji and Goa

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Territorial Expansion

Conquered Bicholim, Sanquelim, and other areas near Goa.

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Conflict with Portuguese

Invaded Bardez, signed treaty but later renewed campaign.

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Conquest of Ponda

Captured Ponda fort in 1675, expanded control in South Konkan.

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Shivaji's Legacy

1 **Moral Character**

Known for high standards of morality and religious tolerance.

2 **Administrative Reforms**

Established efficient governance and revenue systems.

3 **Statesman and Conqueror**

Remembered as one of the greatest rulers of medieval India.

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Sambhaji's Conquest of Goa

Territorial Gains

Conquered major areas of Goa except Tiswadi island.

Fort Construction

Built Mardangad fort in Ponda, provided asylum to Prince Akbar.

Decline of Maratha Power

After Sambhaji's death, Maratha influence in Goa declined.

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Maratha Naval Prowess

Maritime Expansion

Shivaji built a formidable navy to project power.

Coastal Defenses

Fortified ports and coastline to protect trade routes.

Strategic Positioning

Leveraged Konkan geography to control maritime activities.

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Maratha-Mughal Conflicts

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Jaisingh's Invasion

Mughal general attacked Shivaji, forcing him to sign Treaty of Purandar.

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Agra Imprisonment

Shivaji and son Sambhaji were treacherously imprisoned in Agra.

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Sambhaji's Campaigns

Conquered territories, provided asylum to Prince Akbar against Mughals.

Maratha Architecture and Culture

Architectural Grandeur

Shivaji built impressive forts to defend his kingdom.

Religious Patronage

Shivaji reconstructed the Saptakoteshwar temple in Goa.

Cultural Traditions

Maratha empire fostered a rich artistic and cultural heritage.

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The Enduring Legacy

Military Prowess	Shivaji's guerrilla tactics and naval strength
Administrative Reforms	Efficient governance and revenue systems
Religious Tolerance	Shivaji's respect for all faiths and places of worship
Iconic Status	Revered as one of India's greatest medieval rulers

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